

AFTER MORE THAN TWO DECADES SUN PEAKS HOSTED WHAT WAS TO BE ITS LAST SPEED SKI WORLD CUP

- British team achieve a 7th place and 3 top-15 results.
- Jan Farrell is currently ranked 8th in the overall World Cup standings.
- World Cup leaver Ivan Origone reaches 164.39 km/h.
- Strong work with the local organisers by FIS during the week in Canada has secured next years event.

Sun Peaks 16th March 2015.- The FIS World Cup Ski Speed circuit, which began on February 28 in Grandvalira (Andorra), has come to the Canadian ski resort of Sun Peaks. Two World Cup races were held between Wednesday 11th and Sunday 15th of March. Yet Again this year the Headwalls track, with a slope of 55%, hosted the fastest skiers in the world, capable of accelerating from 0-100 in under 4 seconds. After a day of training and two days of racing with warm good weather and extremely soft track conditions, Ivan Origone is currently ranked first of the classification, having reached 2 first places in the last two races.

Jan Farrell, Overall World Cup FIS SDH 2014 winner, who made his debut in the S1 premier class at Grandvalira, won two races in the lower category in Sun Peaks last year. This year, after moving to the higher category, he has achieved 7th place in the 1st World Cup, and 12th in the 2nd. "I'm satisfied with my results; they show a good development following my entry into this category. During qualification runs and semi-finals I had better times, even close to the podium with a 4th place, but I still lack consistency in the new category. These results give me strength and motivation for next season, where I hope to be fighting for positions on the podium; I know the speed is there!"

British born Sun Peaks local resident, Elliot Capper was 13th on both days. He is expected to come to Europe next season to participate in the World Cup circuit together with young Canadian promise Joss Advocaat. Jan said: "we will be supporting these two young talents with our infrastructure in Europe, they have a huge potential and we look forward to having them competing against us on the whole World Cup circuit."

Last World Cup event in Sun Peaks

It was initially announced that this will be the last time Canada hosts these Speed Skiing races. The Headwall track record was achieved by Kenny Dale last year with a speed of 178.22kph, beating his own previous record of 177.11kph. He told the Sun Peaks News in a recent interview that he was hoping that someone would beat it. Sun Peaks, first hosted it's Velocity Challenge in the mid-80s and for over two decades has held the distinction of being the only Speed Skiing event held in North America, which has been one of the major events in this discipline worldwide. This season, the local firm Bear Country, has come on board as title sponsor of the event. Jan said "this is a great event with a great history, and we have worked hard within the FIS Speed Ski development committee for it to happen this year. Our conversations with the local organisers, resort management and tourism office have proven more than optimistic: financing has already been committed to for next season's event. This is great news and it looks like we will be able to keep Sun Peaks on the calendar for many more years."

The next meeting will be next weekend 21 and 22 March at Idre Fjaell, Sweden.

S1 Men Top 10

	Name	Nationality	Points
1	ORIGONE Ivan	ITA	280
2	SCHROTTSHAMMER Klaus	AUT	240
3	ORIGONE Simone	ITA	185
4	MONTES Bastien	FRA	145
5	JANSSON Christian	SWE	118
6	EIGENMANN Reto	SUI	83
7	MONTES Jimmy	FRA	79
8	FARRELL Jan	GBR	78
9	DEVENES Ismael	SUI	76
10	ANDERSSON Daniel	SWE	74

About Jan Farrell

Jan Farrell was born in 1983, the son of a Czech mother and an English father. Jan first put on a pair of skis when he was 2 years old, and he has never missed a season since the age of five. His first speed ski race was in 2011, and soon began to have success: he is the top ranked British ski racer; 9th in the world in 2012, and 5th in 2013, before winning the top spot in 2014, becoming FIS Speed Ski World Cup SDH Champion. He reached a speed of 210.035 kph, thus becoming the third fastest skier in history on downhill skis. Jan combines his career as a top sportsman with that of an entrepreneur. When he is not skiing and creating content, you will find him in his office at Liberalia, the company he founded at the age of 18. He is actively involved in over half a dozen firms, plays an active role in various federations, including FIS and the Madrid Ski Federation and acts as a Mentor for budding entrepreneurs who are studying their MBA at IE Business School. His passion to create, develop, compete and his will to win is just as strong in his business environment.

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